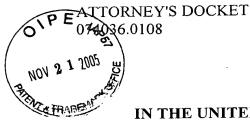
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In response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks.